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Inspector General Robert P. Storch announced today that the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General (DoD OIG) released a "Management Advisory: DoD Review and Update of Defense Articles Requiring Enhanced End-Use Monitoring," which highlights concerns regarding Enhanced End-Use Monitoring (EEUM) requirements for equipment designated for Ukraine. EEUM is the DoD program that requires heightened accountability and security measures for specific defense articles that the United States provides to partner nations that contain sensitive technology or are vulnerable to diversion or misuse.

The management advisory indicates that the United States Government has provided more than \$1.8 billion in defense articles requiring EEUM to Ukraine.

IG Storch stated, "The advisory released today identified that the current list of EEUM-designated defense articles is not up-to-date and that the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, which manages the DoD's EEUM program, did not include a requirement to regularly review, update, and remove defense articles designated for EEUM. Our team found that, as a result, the EEUM program may require monitoring of defense articles that are neither sensitive nor require protection, resulting in unnecessary expenditure of resources that could be used elsewhere in the monitoring process."

To address these issues, the DoD OIG recommended that the Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency review and modify policy to incorporate a regularly scheduled review to update the list of EEUM-designated defense articles, and develop and implement a process for which defense articles no longer requiring EEUM can be removed from the list.

This advisory is part of a larger oversight project, the "Evaluation of DoD's Enhanced End-Use Monitoring of Defense Articles Provided to Ukraine." It was issued as part of the DoD OIG's effort to be agile in reporting on its oversight of the ongoing security assistance to Ukraine and to highlight an issue that the DoD OIG believes warrants prompt attention from the DoD. The DoD OIG will publish a report upon completion of this project.